

**Natural Resources Conservation Service**

**Application Ranking Summary**

**Rio Grande - Wildlife**

<b>Program:</b>	<b>Ranking Date:</b>	<b>Application Number:</b>
<b>Ranking Tool:</b> Rio Grande - Wildlife		<b>Applicant:</b>
<b>Final Ranking Score:</b>		<b>Address:</b>
<b>Planner:</b>	<b>Telephone:</b>	
<b>Farm Location:</b>		

**National Priorities Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in considerable reductions of non-point source pollution, such as nutrients, sediment, pesticides, excess salinity in impaired watersheds, groundwater contamination or point source contamination from confined animal feeding operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable amount of ground or surface water conservation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction of emissions, such as particulate matter, nitrogen oxides (NOx), volatile organic compounds, and ozone precursors and depleters that contribute to air quality impairment violations of National Ambient Air Quality Standards?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable reduction in soil erosion and sedimentation from unacceptable levels on agricultural land?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Will the treatment you intend to implement using EQIP result in a considerable increase in the promotion of at-risk species habitat conservation?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**State Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the project address invasive and/or noxious plants on contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the project result in an improvement to the existing management system to meet the state AFO/CAFO regulations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Is the proposed project located within the State's NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Will the proposed project reduce field soil loss to below "T" or will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced/streambank erosion?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Does the applicant currently use a progressive conservation plan that was developed within the last five years and includes the same resource concern and practices they are currently applying for?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Does the applicant meet one or more of the following conditions: a. Did the applicant successfully complete any past EQIP contract(s) in full compliance; or b. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Has any portion of the offered acreage been set aside or inventoried by a Cultural Resources Specialist or an Archeologist?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Local Issues Addressed**

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will Integrated Pest Management (IPM) be implemented in the contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. Will the contract be used to implement a conservation plan developed to the RMS level?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

3. Does the applicant use a progressive conservation plan that was developed within the last 5 years?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Applicant has not had an EQIP contract within the last 5 years?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. Applicant has not cancelled an EQIP or any other USDA program contract within the last 4 years?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. Applicant has not cancelled an EQIP contract 2 years into the contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Has applicant completed an EQIP contract within the last 2 years?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Applicant does not have a current EQIP contract?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
9. Does contract area include T&E species (animals or plants), and contract will address beneficial use to these species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Will contracted area include more than 1 landuse?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Is the primary purpose of the contract to enhance & protect habitat for an at-risk species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Is the targeted species known to occur on, or adjacent to, the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Do the contracted acres have the potential to provide habitat for the targeted species within the contract period?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Does the applicant agree to follow a management plan, with practices such as 645 & 644 for the lifespan of the contract, to achieve the desired habitat conditions?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Will the planned practices & management address all of the limiting factors of the targeted species associated with 645 & 644?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
16. Will wildlife be the primary land use on the contracted acres?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
17. Is the project adjacent or near (1 mile) another habitat effort of similar type?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
18. Does this contract address habitat requirements for more than one species?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
19. Are there partnering contributions, either cost-shared or technical?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

**Land Use:**

Resource Concerns	Practices
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**Ranking Score**

Efficiency:  Local Issues:  State Issues:  National Issues:  <b>Final Ranking Score:</b>
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This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: